45-13

App. F. IX-4

Previous References.

1950-51 (CS)

File No. 287-50

Serial Nos. 2

Later References.
Misc 64-51-2.
Misc. 211-54-1, 2.
AD 192 TIM 51

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. One

Part B for November 1950

SUBJECT

Visits of Hon: Ministers of State of the union to the State - Arrangements for their reception

O.M. No. 11718-37/CS/287-50-2 of 22nd Nov. 1950

To
The Secretaries to Govt.
The Inspector General of Police
The Deputy Commissioners of districts
The Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja

Forwarded as a copy letter No. 70/23/50 Public of 14th Nov. 1950 from the G.O.I. Ministry of Home Affairs regarding

Sd/

WD 010861—GPB—25,000—18-9-50

Serial No.

Letter No. 70-23-50-Public dt 14th Nov 50 from the Govt of India, Ministry of Home Affairs issues instructions regarding arrangements to be made on the occasions of the Official visits of the Hon. Ministers of State of the Union to States.

---

1) Orders of the Ch. Secy on it.

"This may be examined & proposals put up. May have to go to C.M."

Sd/- K. S. 15-11-50

Sd/- K.M.R.

2) Whenever Hon'ble Ministers of the Union visit the state they are being met by the chief and other Ministers and when they happen to go to Kts. the Dy. Com. concerned will be asked to receive them & make necessary arrangements. As regards the police. the D.I.G.P. will be requested to make ~~adequate~~ security arrangements for their protection etc., and in case they visit Kts., the Dt. Magistrate will look to these arrangements. These practices are ~~now~~ already in Vogue. The present — Communication from Govt of India States that similar arrangements may be made when the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the Union visit the states. This will be noted and action taken when they arrive here in future.

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

(58)

File No. — visits of the Hon. Min'r. of State of the Union to the States. arrangements for their reception etc. — 1,573/50

General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No.

If, however considered necessary the Secretaries to Govt., the D.G.P. and the Deputy Com'rs of the Dn. may be informed of this. This would perhaps be unnecessary as separate instructions will always be issued everytime the Hon'ble Ministers of the Union pay a visit to the state. A.

3) As ordered by the ch. Secy. this may be put up to the Hon'ble Chief Minister for perusal in the first instance.

HOD 17/4/50 — Chief Secy) — KMR 17.11.50

17.11.50 — 4) For perusal.

5) General ins'ns may also issue, as at 'A'. if appd.

Chief Secy) — 18/4/50 — KMR 18/4/50

6) HOD 28/11/50.

7) Issue & put up to C.M. — 21/11/50 — KMR 21.11.50

8) Draft O.M is put up for consideration

HOD 21/11/50 — 9) Issue & put up — KMR 21.11.50

21.11.50

Issued No. 11718-37/ES.284-50-2 dated 22nd Nov'r 50 forwards a copy of Govt letter together with

CHIEF SECRETARY 18 NOV 1950 GOVT. OF MYSORE

CHIEF SECRETARY 21 NOV 1950 GOVT. OF MYS.

Office of the Chief Minister No. 6442 Date of Receipt 18.11.50

General and Revenue Secretariat

Visits of the Hon. Ministers of State of the Union to the States arrangement for their visits

File No. of 19

[App. F. III-2]

4575/53.

D/10975—GPB—2,000—20 7-50

Serial No.

4

Its enclosures for info. & guidance.

To

The Secretaries to Govt.
The Dy. Inspr. General of Police.
The Dy. Secy. to Govt.
The Private Secy. to H.H.

Copy to Home Deptt. P.S. to C.M. & P.A. to Minrs.

Submitted after issue with reference to Paragraphs 4 and 9 above.

For perusal.

HPD 29/11/50

(Chief Min)

Secy R 23.11.50

23.11.50.

Rev 25/11/50

27/11/50.

Secy 28/11/50

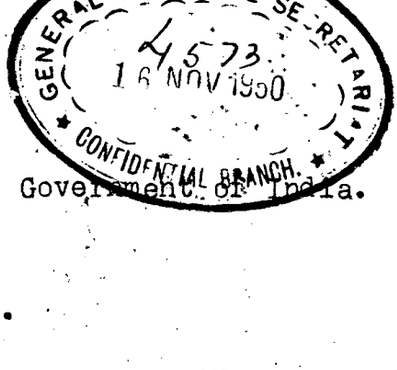
[illegible] Chief [illegible]
No. 6609
Dated 24-11-50

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
27 NOV 1950
GOVT. OF MYS

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

NO.70/23/50-PUBLIC
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

Mysore C



From

Sardar Fateh Singh,
Deputy Secy. to the Government of India.

To

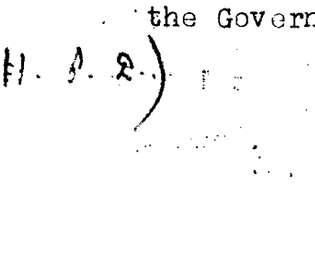
All State Governments.

New Delhi, (2) the 14th November, 1950.

Subject:- Official visits of the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the Union to States and the arrangements for their reception.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No. 20/5/48-Apptt(Sp), dated the 2nd December, 1948, (Copy enclosed for ready reference) regarding courtesies to be shown to Cabinet Ministers of the Union on the occasion of their visit to States and to say that it has been decided that the courtesies indicated therein may also be accorded to the Ministers of State of the Union. I am, accordingly, to request that if the State Government / you see no objection, action may be taken accordingly in future.



Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

This may be
God. o Proceeds pertg.
They have to C.S. 16

NO. 70/22/50-Public., New Delhi, 15/11/50 (2) the 14th November, 50.

Copy forwarded for information to all Ministries of the Government of India for information.

Sri H. P. S.

By order,

A V Raman

(A.V. RAMAN)
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No:20/5/48-Apptt(Sp.).
Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.

From

E.C. Gaynor, Esquire, M.B.E.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

To

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

NEW DELHI-3, the 2nd December, 1948.

Subject:- Official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Cabinet to provinces.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of an Office Memorandum No. 20/5/48-Apptt.(Spl.), dated the ____ December, 1948 containing instructions to Ministries of the Government of India regarding the need for informing provincial Governments of official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Cabinet well in advance of their projected tours, so that provincial Governments may be in a position to make adequate arrangements in time, for their reception and protection.

2. I am to invite attention, in this connection, to the Government of India, Home Department letter No. 174/25/42-Police(C), dated the 20th November 1942 (copy enclosed), on the subject of the courtesies to be shown and police arrangements to be made in connection with official visits to provinces of Hon'ble Members of the Governor-General's Executive Council. The instructions in that letter assumed that Hon'ble Members would be accorded by the provincial Governments courtesies on the lines laid down for the reception of provincial Ministers and, in particular, that when an Hon'ble Member visited the headquarters of a district, the senior official present in the station at the time would meet the Hon'ble Member on arrival. This particular practice was suspended during the war for reasons stated in the Home Department letter No.60/2/43-Public(C), dated the 26th March 1945, namely:

P.T.O.

that the conditions of over-work and uncertainties in the times of arrival and departure of trains placed a heavy burden on officers, whose time and energy were already taxed to the utmost in other directions. It was then suggested that, in order to avoid unnecessary waste of time of provincial officers, the Hon'ble Members should state, when issuing their tour programmes, whether they wished to be received and seen off at the places shown in the tour programmes and that, in the absence of any such indication, it should be assumed that they did not require any officer to meet them or see them off. It is felt that, with the return to more normal conditions, the old procedure mentioned in the Home Department letter of the 20th November 1942 should be revived in the case of official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Dominion Cabinet. I am to request that, if the provincial Governments see no objection, action may be taken accordingly in future.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

—

EIJ(E)/-1/12/-

Copy of Home Department's letter No.174/25/42-Police(C), dated the 20th November,1942 to all Provincial Governments the Chief Commissioner,Ajmer-Merwara/Coorg.

I am directed to address the Provincial Government/you on the subject of the courtesies to be shown, and police arrangements to be made,in connection with official visits to Provinces of the Hon'ble Members of the Governor General's Executive Council.

2. The Government of India have not in the past issued any instructions regarding the manner in which Hon'ble Members should be received in the course of their official tours and it has been left to the Provincial Governments/you to make such arrangements as they/you considered suitable. The Government of India consider however that, if the Provincial Government/you agree, instructions should now be issued that an Hon'ble Member of the Governor General's Executive Council who pays an official visit to a Province should be accorded courtesies on the lines laid down for the reception of Provincial Ministers. In particular they consider that,-where this is not already the practice-on the occasion of an Hon'ble Member's visit to the headquarters of a district the senior official present in the station at the time should meet the Hon'ble Member on arrival.

3. As regards police arrangements,the Government of India recognise that conditions vary considerably in different Provinces and they are doubtful whether the prescription of a uniform scale of police protection for Hon'ble Members on tour would be either suitable or desirable. I am to suggest, however, that the Provincial Government/you should prescribe a scale not less than that accorded to Provincial Ministers, assuming that such a scale has been laid down. If at any time local conditions so indicate, the scale of protection should be strengthened to the extent necessary. The responsibility for deciding the actual degree of protection necessary over and above the minimum scale suggested above will of course rest with the Provincial Government/you. The arrangements would cover both halts in the Province and periods during which the train by which an Hon'ble Member travels is standing in a station. Protection while the train is in motion will be afforded by gunmen to be provided by the Delhi administration. Advance copies of tour programmes will be furnished in sufficient time to enable the above arrangements to be made.

4. The Government of India would be glad to be favoured with the Provincial Government's/your views on these proposals at an early date.

G. R. S. App. F. G. 3.

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation sheet draft form*).

No. 11718-37/KB 287-50-2 22.11.50

O. M.

A copy of letter No. 40/23/50 Public dt. 14th Nov 50, from the Govt of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, regarding the Official visits of the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the union to states and the arrangements to be made for their reception etc. is forwarded for info & guidance.

for Chief Secy to Govt.

To

The Secretaries to Govt.
The D.G. of Police.
The D.E.S. of St
The P.S. to H.M.
Copy to Home Deptt.
" P.S. to Ch. Minr
" P.As. to Minrs.

HPS 21/11/50.

21-11-50.

with its enclosures,

WD 06819—GPB—25,000—26-7-49

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No.11718-37/C.B.287-50-2

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated, Bangalore, the 22nd November 1950.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

A copy of letter No.70/23/50.Public. dated 14th November 1950, from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, together with its enclosures, regarding the Official visits of the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the Union to States and the arrangements to be made for their reception etc., is forwarded for information and guidance.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Secretaries to Government.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

Copy to: (1) Home Department
(2) Private Secretary to Chief Minister.
(3) Personal Assistants to Ministers.

.....

Copy of letter No.70/23/50-PUBLIC, dated 14th November 1950 from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

.....

Subject: Official visits of the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the Union to States and the arrangements for their receiption.

...

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.20/5/48-Apptt(Sp), dated the 2nd December, 1948, (Copy enclosed for ready reference) regarding courtesies to be shown to Cabinet Ministers of the Union on the occasion of their visit to States and to say that it has been decided that the courtesies indicated therein may also be accorded to the Ministers of State of the Union. I am, accordingly, to request that if the State Government / you see no objection, action may be taken accordingly in future.

.....

Copy of letter No.20/5/48-Apptt(Sp), dated 2nd December 1948 from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

...

Subject: Official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Cabinet to Provinces.

...

I am directed to enclose a copy of an Office Memorandum No.20/5/48-Apptt.(Spl.) dated the December, 1948 containing instructions to Ministries of the Government of India regarding the need for informing provincial Governments of official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Cabinet well in advance of their projected tours, so that provincial Governments may be in a position to make adequate arrangements in time for their reception and protection.

2. I am to invite attention, in this connection, to the Government of India, Home Department letter No.174/25/42-Police(C), dated the 20th November 1942 (copy

enclosed), on the subject of the courtesies to be shown and police arrangements to be made in connection with official visits to provinces of Hon'ble Members of the Governor-General's Executive Council. The instructions in that letter assumed that Hon'ble Members would be accorded by the Provincial Governments courtesies on the lines laid down for the reception of provincial Ministers and, in particular, that when an Hon'ble Member visited the headquarters of a district, the senior official present in the station at the time would meet the Hon'ble Member on arrival. This particular practice was suspended during the war for reasons stated in the Home Department letter No.60/2/43-Public(C), dated the 26th March 1945, namely that the conditions of over-work and uncertainties in the times of arrival and departure of trains placed a heavy burden on officers, whose time and energy were already taxed to the utmost in other directions. It was then suggested that, in order to avoid unnecessary waste of time of provincial officers, the Hon'ble Members should state, when issuing their tour programmes, whether they wished to be received and seen off at the places shown in the tour programmes and that, in the absence of any such indication, it should be assumed that they did not require any officer to meet them or see them off. It is felt that, with the return to more normal conditions, the old procedure mentioned in the Home Department letter of the 20th November 1942 should be revised in the case of official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Dominion Cabinet, I am to request that, if the provincial Governments see no objection, action may be taken accordingly in future.

.....

Copy of Home Department's letter No.174/25/42-Police (C), dated the 20th November, 1942 to all Provincial Governments the Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara/Coorg.

I am directed to address the Provincial Government/you on the subject of the courtesies to be shown, and police arrangements to be made, in connection with official visits to Provinces of the Hon'ble Members of the Governor General's Executive Council.

2. The Government of India have not in the past issued any instructions regarding the manner in which Hon'ble Members should be received in the course of their official tours and it has been left to the Provincial Governments/you to make such arrangements as they/you considered suitable. The Government of India consider however that, if the Provincial Government/you agree, instructions should now be issued that an Hon'ble Member of the Governor General's Executive Council who pays an official visit to a Province should be accorded courtesies on the lines laid down for the reception of Provincial Ministers. In particular they consider that,-where this is not already the practice - on the occasion of an Hon'ble Member's visit to the headquarters of a district the senior official present in the station at the time should meet the Hon'ble Member on arrival.

3. As regards police arrangements, the Government of India recognise that conditions vary considerably in different Provinces and they are doubtful whether the prescription of a uniform scale of police protection for Hon'ble Members on tour would be either suitable or desirable. I am to suggest, however, that the Provincial Government/you should prescribe a scale not less than that accorded to Provincial Ministers, assuming that such a scale has been laid down. If at any time local conditions so indicate, the scale of protection should be strengthened to the extent necessary. The responsibility for deciding the actual degree of protection necessary over and above the minimum scale suggested above will of course rest with the Provincial Government/you. The arrangements would cover both halts in the Province and periods during which the train by which an Hon'ble Member travels is standing in a station. Protection while the train is in motion will be afforded by gunmen to be provided by the Delhi administration. Advance copies of tour programmes will be furnished in sufficient time to enable the above arrangements to be made.

4. The Government of India would be glad to be favoured with the Provincial Government's/your views on these proposals at an early date.

****

LC/-

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No.11718-37/C.B.287-50-2

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated, Bangalore, the 22nd November 1950.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

A copy of letter No.70/23/50.Public. dated 14th November 1950, from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, together with its enclosures, regarding the Official visits of the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the Union to States and the arrangements to be made for their reception etc., is forwarded for information and guidance.

for CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Secretaries to Government.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

Copy to: (1) Home Department
(2) Private Secretary to Chief Minister.
(3) Personal Assistants to Ministers.

.....

Copy of letter No.70/23/50-PUBLIC, dated 14th November 1950 from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

.....

Subject: Official visits of the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the Union to States and the arrangements for their receiption.

...

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.20/5/48-Apptt(Sp), dated the 2nd December, 1948, (Copy enclosed for ready reference) regarding courtesies to be shown to Cabinet Ministers of the Union on the occasion of their visit to States and to say that it has been decided that the courtesies indicated therein may also be acoorded to the Ministers of State of the Union. I am, accordingly, to request that if the State Government / you see no objection, action may be taken accordingly in future.

.....

Copy of letter No.20/5/48-Apptt(Sp), dated 2nd December 1948 from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

...

Subject: Official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Cabinet to Provinces.

...

I am directed to enclose a copy of an Office Memorandum No.20/5/48-Apptt.(Sol.) dated the December, 1948 containing instructions to Ministries of the Government of India regarding the need for informing provincial Governments of official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Cabinet well in advance of their projected tours, so that provincial Governments may be in a position to make adequate arrangements in time for their reception and protection.

2. I am to invite attention, in this connection, to the Government of India, Home Department letter No.174/25/42-Police(C), dated the 20th November 1942 (copy

enclosed), on the subject of the courtesies to be shown and police arrangements to be made in connection with official visits to provinces of Hon'ble Members of the Governor-General's Executive Council. The instructions in that letter assumed that Hon'ble Members would be accorded by the Provincial Governments courtesies on the lines laid down for the reception of provincial Ministers and, in particular, that when an Hon'ble Member visited the headquarters of a district, the senior official present in the station at the time would meet the Hon'ble Member on arrival. This particular practice was suspended during the war for reasons stated in the Home Department letter No.60/2/43-Public(C), dated the 26th March 1945, namely that the conditions of over-work and uncertainties in the times of arrival and departure of trains placed a heavy burden on officers, whose time and energy were already taxed to the utmost in other directions. It was then suggested that, in order to avoid unnecessary waste of time of provincial officers, the Hon'ble Members should state, when issuing their tour programmes, whether they wished to be received and seen off at the places shown in the tour programmes and that, in the absence of any such indication, it should be assumed that they did not require any officer to meet them or see them off. It is felt that, with the return to more normal conditions, the old procedure mentioned in the Home Department letter of the 20th November 1942 should be revived in the case of official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Dominion Cabinet. I am to request that, if the provincial Governments see no objection, action may be taken accordingly in future.

.....

Copy of Home Department's letter No.174/25/42-Police (C), dated the 20th November, 1942 to all Provincial Governments the Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara/Coorg.

I am directed to address the Provincial Government/you on the subject of the courtesies to be shown, and police arrangements to be made, in connection with official visits to Provinces of the Hon'ble Members of the Governor General's Executive Council.

2. The Government of India have not in the past issued any instructions regarding the manner in which Hon'ble Members should be received in the course of their official tours and it has been left to the Provincial Governments/you to make such arrangements as they/you considered suitable. The Government of India consider however that, if the Provincial Government/you agree, instructions should now be issued that an Hon'ble Member of the Governor General's Executive Council who pays an official visit to a Province should be accorded courtesies on the lines laid down for the reception of Provincial Ministers. In particular they consider that,-where this is not already the practice - on the occasion of an Hon'ble Member's visit to the headquarters of a district the senior official present in the station at the time should meet the Hon'ble Member on arrival.

3. As regards police arrangements, the Government of India recognise that conditions vary considerably in different Provinces and they are doubtful whether the prescription of a uniform scale of police protection for Hon'ble Members on tour would be either suitable or desirable. I am to suggest, however, that the Provincial Government/you should prescribe a scale not less than that accorded to Provincial Ministers, assuming that such a scale has been laid down. If at any time local conditions so indicate, the scale of protection should be strengthened to the extent necessary. The responsibility for deciding the actual degree of protection necessary over and above the minimum scale suggested above will of course rest with the Provincial Government/you. The arrangements would cover both halts in the Province and periods during which the train by which an Hon'ble Member travels is standing in a station. Protection while the train is in motion will be afforded by gunmen to be provided by the Delhi administration. Advance copies of tour programmes will be furnished in sufficient time to enable the above arrangements to be made.

4. The Government of India would be glad to be favoured with the Provincial Government's/your views on these proposals at an early date.

****

LC/-

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

No.11718-37/C.B.287-50-2

General and Revenue Secretariat,

Dated, Bangalore, the 22nd November 1950.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

A copy of letter No.70/23/50.Public. dated 14th November 1950, from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, together with its enclosures, regarding the Official visits of the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the Union to States and the arrangements to be made for their reception etc., is forwarded for information and guidance.

for CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Secretaries to Government.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

Copy to: (1) Home Department
(2) Private Secretary to Chief Minister.
(3) Personal Assistants to Ministers.

.....

Copy of letter No.70/23/50-PUBLIC, dated 14th November 1950 from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

.....

Subject: Official visits of the Hon'ble Ministers of State of the Union to States and the arrangements for their receiption.

...

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter No.20/5/48-Apptt(Sp), dated the 2nd December, 1948, (Copy enclosed for ready reference) regarding courtesies to be shown to Cabinet Ministers of the Union on the occasion of their visit to States and to say that it has been decided that the courtesies indicated therein may also be acoorded to the Ministers of State of the Union. I am, accordingly, to request that if the State Government / you see no objection, action may be taken accordingly in future.

.....

Copy of letter No.20/5/48-Apptt(Sp), dated 2nd December 1948 from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.

...

Subject: Official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Cabinet to Provinces.

...

I am directed to enclose a copy of an Office Memorandum No.20/5/48-Apptt.(Sol.) dated the December, 1948 containing instructions to Ministries of the Government of India regarding the need for informing provincial Governments of official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Cabinet well in advance of their projected tours, so that provincial Governments may be in a position to make adequate arrangements in time for their reception and protection.

2. I am to invite attention, in this connection, to the Government of India, Home Department letter No.174/25/42-Police(C), dated the 20th November 1942 (copy

enclosed), on the subject of the courtesies to be shown and police arrangements to be made in connection with official visits to provinces of Hon'ble Members of the Governor-General's Executive Council. The instructions in that letter assumed that Hon'ble Members would be accorded by the Provincial Governments courtesies on the lines laid down for the reception of provincial Ministers and, in particular, that when an Hon'ble Member visited the headquarters of a district, the senior official present in the station at the time would meet the Hon'ble Member on arrival. This particular practice was suspended during the war for reasons stated in the Home Department letter No.60/2/43-Public(C), dated the 26th March 1945, namely that the conditions of over-work and uncertainties in the times of arrival and departure of trains placed a heavy burden on officers, whose time and energy were already taxed to the utmost in other directions. It was then suggested that, in order to avoid unnecessary waste of time of provincial officers, the Hon'ble Members should state, when issuing their tour programmes, whether they wished to be received and seen off at the places shown in the tour programmes and that, in the absence of any such indication, it should be assumed that they did not require any officer to meet them or see them off. It is felt that, with the return to more normal conditions, the old procedure mentioned in the Home Department letter of the 20th November 1942 should be revived in the case of official visits of Hon'ble Ministers of the Dominion Cabinet, I am to request that, if the provincial Governments see no objection, action may be taken accordingly in future.

.....

Copy of Home Department's letter No.174/25/42-Police (C), dated the 20th November, 1942 to all Provincial Governments the Chief Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara/Coorg.

I am directed to address the Provincial Government/you on the subject of the courtesies to be shown, and police arrangements to be made, in connection with official visits to Provinces of the Hon'ble Members of the Governor General's Executive Council.

2. The Government of India have not in the past issued any instructions regarding the manner in which Hon'ble Members should be received in the course of their official tours and it has been left to the Provincial Governments/you to make such arrangements as they/you considered suitable. The Government of India consider however that, if the Provincial Government/you agree, instructions should now be issued that an Hon'ble Member of the Governor General's Executive Council who pays an official visit to a Province should be accorded courtesies on the lines laid down for the reception of Provincial Ministers. In particular they consider that,-where this is not already the practice - on the occasion of an Hon'ble Member's visit to the headquarters of a district the senior official present in the station at the time should meet the Hon'ble Member on arrival.

3. As regards police arrangements, the Government of India recognise that conditions vary considerably in different Provinces and they are doubtful whether the prescription of a uniform scale of police protection for Hon'ble Members on tour would be either suitable or desirable. I am to suggest, however, that the Provincial Government/you should prescribe a scale not less than that accorded to Provincial Ministers, assuming that such a scale has been laid down. If at any time local conditions so indicate, the scale of protection should be strengthened to the extent necessary. The responsibility for deciding the actual degree of protection necessary over and above the minimum scale suggested above will of course rest with the Provincial Government/you. The arrangements would cover both halts in the Province and periods during which the train by which an Hon'ble Member travels is standing in a station. Protection while the train is in motion will be afforded by gunmen to be provided by the Delhi administration. Advance copies of tour programmes will be furnished in sufficient time to enable the above arrangements to be made.

4. The Government of India would be glad to be favoured with the Provincial Government's/your views on these proposals at an early date.

******

LC/-